

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a)

In the office action dated 4/14/03, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-9, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The Examiner stated that the claimed invention was anticipated by U.S. patent application publication US2001/0011026 A1 (hereinafter referred to as the Nishijima reference). The Examiner stated that the remaining claims were unpatentable over the Nishijima reference in view of U.S. patent application publication US2002/0011026 A1 (hereinafter referred to as the Nishijima reference). The Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the patentability of the present invention over the cited prior art. In the system of the present invention, there are at least three separate components: the handheld computer system, the power system, and the said data communication and power cable. The power system may be couple directly to the handheld computer system to power the handheld computer system. Alternatively, the data communication and power cable may be coupled to the handheld computer system and another computer system to provide communication between the handheld computer system and the other computer system. Or, the power system and the data communication and power cable may be used concurrently in order to provide both power

to the handheld computer system and a data communication path between the handheld computer system and the other computer system. This feature is highlighted by the claim language in the amended claims that specify that "data communication and power cable separable from said power system" and the system is constructed "such that said handheld computer system may be used with said power system, said data communication and power cable, or both said power system and said data communication and power cable simultaneously."

The Nishijima reference fails to disclose a system where a power system can be used independently of the data communication system. Thus, the system of the present invention as claimed in independent claims 1 and 8 is patentable over the Nishijima reference. The remaining claims incorporate all the limitations of the base independent claims and are thus likewise allowable.



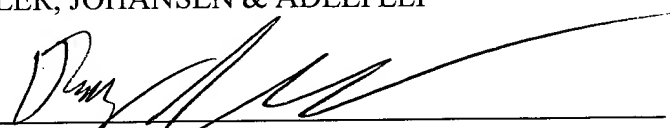
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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